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Byrd Secures Funding to Build and Repair Affordable Housing

\$3 million to West Virginia

WASHINGTON, D.C.... U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., has announced funding intended to help build and repair affordable housing in West Virginia as part of the recently passed FY 09 Omnibus Appropriations bill. Money will be directed to the Charleston Kanawha Housing Authority; the Hope Community Development Corporation in Charleston; and the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Home Repair Program.

“I am pleased to have been able to secure funding for these important projects, in order to ensure that West Virginians gain access to housing that is both sustainable and affordable,” Byrd said. “This money is going directly to help the low-income families and communities that have pressing needs and it will help improve their quality of life.”

CHARLESTON KANAWHA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Byrd secured \$1.9 million for the Charleston Kanawha Housing Authority for new low-income housing at the Littlepage Terrace and Washington Manor public housing facilities in downtown Charleston. The current facilities have become increasingly dilapidated. The new units will offer residents modern and more safe living quarters.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Byrd obtained \$712,500 for the Hope Community Development Corporation to purchase existing run down properties in West Charleston, which can then be used for new homes. This funding would help create a Home Ownership Zone, and facilitate a construction job training program, provide employment, and supply affordable homeownership possibilities for low-to-moderate income families.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Byrd also secured \$665,000 for the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Home Repair Program. This money will be used to provide free home repair to low-income families in the Appalachia region. The repair includes replacing roofs, rewiring houses, installing toilets and showers, constructing restraining walls to prevent mountains from collapsing onto houses, and many other projects.

“Living in and sustaining a home is one of the most important aspects of American life,” Byrd said. “Work to repair and build affordable housing for low-income families is essential to the general welfare of West Virginians, and I am happy to be able to provide funding for these projects.”

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